concept in Konkan region of Maharashtra with the assistance of National Dairy Development Board is under consideration of the Government, so far.

(b) to (d) Quesiton do not arise.

Policy of Granting Relief

26. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy in the matter of grating relief to the flood and drought affected areas in the country; and

(b) the details of year-wise and State-wise grants released during the last three years for each of the calamities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The policy and arrangements for financing of relief expenditure in the States in the wake of natural calamities, including flood and drought, are at present governed by the recommendations of the Xth Finance Commission. While year-wise allocation under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) are made to all the States, assistance from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) is considered for calamities of rare severity only.

(b) Statements-I and II indicating the funds allocated to the States under CRF and assistance provided under NFCR during 1996-97 to 1998-99 are attached.

Statement-I

Allocation from Calamity Relief Fund for 1996-97 to 1998-99

(Rs. in Lakh)

State	Calamity Relief Fund		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	12419	13105	13773
Arunachal Pradesh	704	743	781
Assam	5001	5277	5547
Bihar	5196	5483	5763
Goa	107	113	119
Gujarat	13960	14731	15483
Haryana	2505	2644	2779
Himachal Pradesh	2695	2844	2989
Jammu & Kashmir	1971	2079	2184
Karnataka	4185	4416	4641
Kerala	5540	5847	6144
Madhya Pradesh	5108	5389	5665
Maharashtra	6820	7197	7564
Manipur	248	261	275
Meghalaya	279	295	309
Mizoram	127	133	140
Nagaland	171	180	188
Orissa	4901	5172	5436
Punjab	5415	5715	6005
Rajasthan	17904	18893	19856

1	2	3	4
Sikkim	471	497	523
Tamil Nadu	5935	6263	6583
Tripura	449	475	499
Uttar Pradesh	12512	13203	13876
West Bengal	5132	5416	5692
TOTAL:	119755	126371	132815

Statement-II

Assistance released to the States from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) during 1996-97 to 1998-99

(Rs. in crore)

State	Assistance released from the NFCR		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	142.00	42.00	26.50
Arunachal Pradesh	3.00	—	13.47
Assam	21.00	—	59.90
Bihar	7.00	10.00	11.45
Gujarat	—	86.90	55.35
Haryana	—	—	13.27
Himachal Pradesh	10.56	24.80	—
Karnataka	—	22.00	49.98
Kerala	—	12.91	—
Madhya Pradesh	—	67.76	35.00

1	2	3	4
Orissa	54.00	—	—
Rajasthan	—	—	21.98
Sikkim	5.52	7.00	7.67
Tamil Nadu	25.00	—	—
Tripura	—	—	5.05
Uttar Pradesh	—	—	131.15
West Bengal	—	—	66.33
TOTAL:	268.08	273.37	497.10

Investment in Agricultural Sector

27. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government investment in the agricultural sector has shown a decline in the last two years, while the private sector's has increased; and

(b) if so, what is Government's policy on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per estimates provided by Central Statistical Organisation, the investment in Agricultural sector at current prices has increased both in Public and Private Sectors during the last two years as given below: